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UNBURYING THE HATCHET

GYA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA! AT LONG LAST! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS MY CAPTIVE!

MEH. YOU'VE CAUGHT ME BEFORE. I'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME.

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TOO TRUE, BUT NOT IN THE WAY YOU THINK. OH, IT'S SUCH A WONDERFUL FEELING TO HAVE MY HATED NEMESIS AT MY MERCY!
GIVE IT A REST, EGGMAN. METAL SONIC DID ALL THE WORK, AND YOU KNOW IT.
YES, WELL... I BUILT METAL SONIC, SO THE VICTORY IS MINE BY ASSOCIATION. BUT IF YOU DISAPPROVE OF ME USING THE ROBOT...
...THEN I'LL USE THE REAL THING, INSTEAD!

KNOTHOLE.

IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE METAL SONIC DRAGGED SONIC TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS. WE STILL HAVE TIME TO MOUNT A RESCUE MISSION.

ROTOR, YOU TAKE NICOLE AND MONITOR US DURING THE MISSION.

WILL-DO, PRINCESS!

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE AND BUNNIE RABBOT! YOU'LL BE PROVIDING OFFENSIVE SUPPORT. THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT?

OUI.

SHO'NUFF!

WHAT ABOUT ME, SALLY?

I'M COMING, TOO, RIGHT?

YOU SURE ARE, TAILS. YOU AND I WILL BREAK INTO EGGMAN'S LAB AND GET SONIC OUT!

I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, GANG, BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!

SUGAH-HOG! YOU MADE IT OUT OKAY!
NOT QUITE!
POW!
OOF!
POW!
POW!
POW!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, SAL. MY NEXT TARGET IS THE KING!
THEN WE'LL NEED THE ONE GUY WHO'S BEEN ABLE TO TAKE YOU DOWN...

WATCH YOUR MOUTH, RODENT!

YOU'RE UNDER MY CONTROL NOW! SO NO MORE GIVING AWAY MY PLANS!

YOU DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CONTROL, DOC! I'LL DO EVERY-THING I CAN TO STOP YOU.

NICE TO KNOW, SINCE WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STOP YOU!

(Berry-Berry happy)

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SONIC X #20

by McDonough, Patyk, Hutchison, & Austin
'Speed Lines': After losing countless races to Sonic, Sam Speed decides it's time to resort to drastic measures: utilize the perfect vehicle provided by a mysterious benefactor. This vehicle is no mere speed demon, however. It can transform into something much bigger, badder, and deadlier than imagined! When this super car morphs into a super robot, can Sonic win the race and save himself? Rev-up-your-engines cover by speedy Spaz!
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #175

by Ian Flynn & Tracy Yardley

'Eggman Empire': Up until now, Sonic the Hedgehog and Dr. Ivo 'Eggman' Robotnik have been fighting for one hundred and seventy four issues. Every time they've fought, Sonic has found some way to win the day. This issue, however, Dr. Robotnik pulls out all the stops. You'll never believe what happens! It's a 175th anniversary issue fans must have... and one that Sonic will never forget! Unbelievable cover by Spaz!

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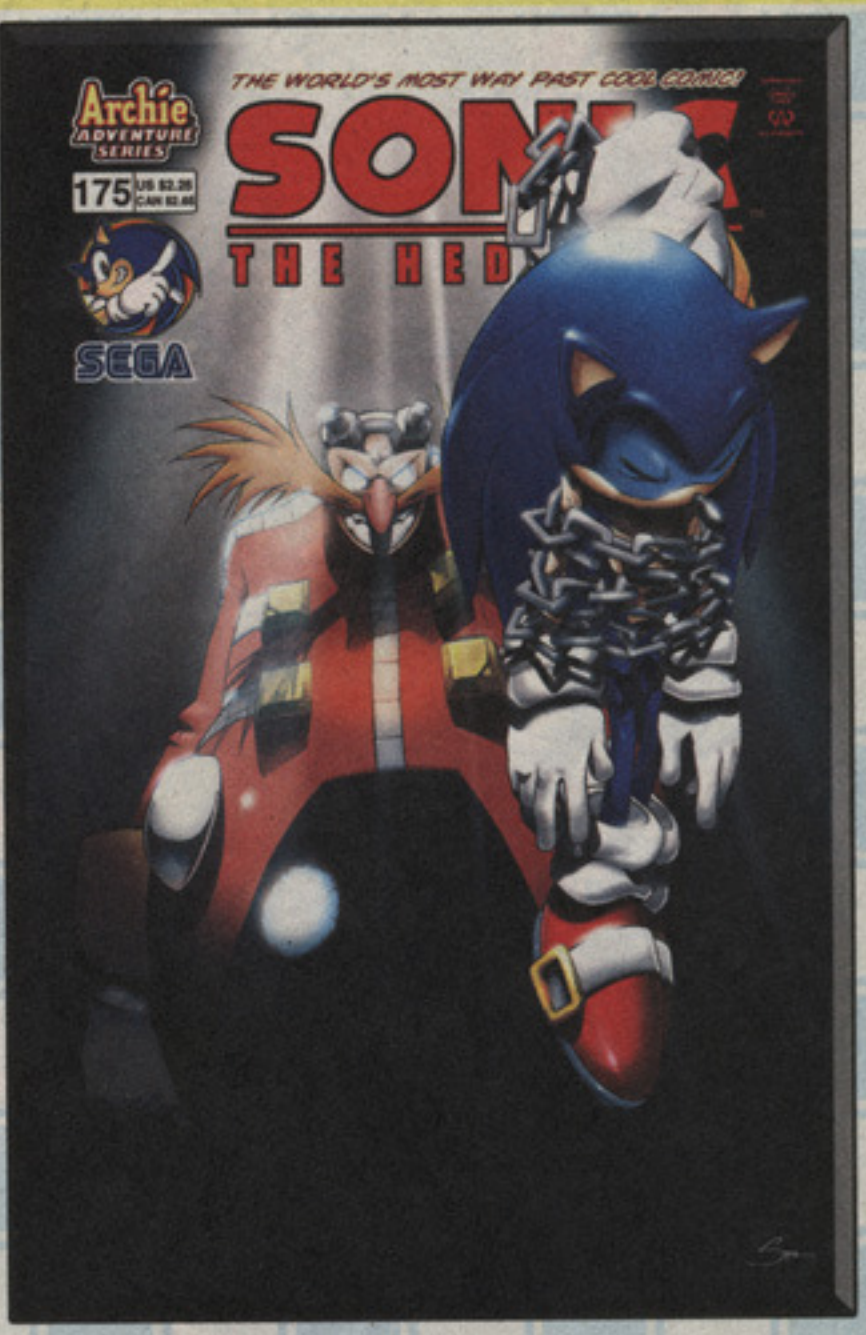

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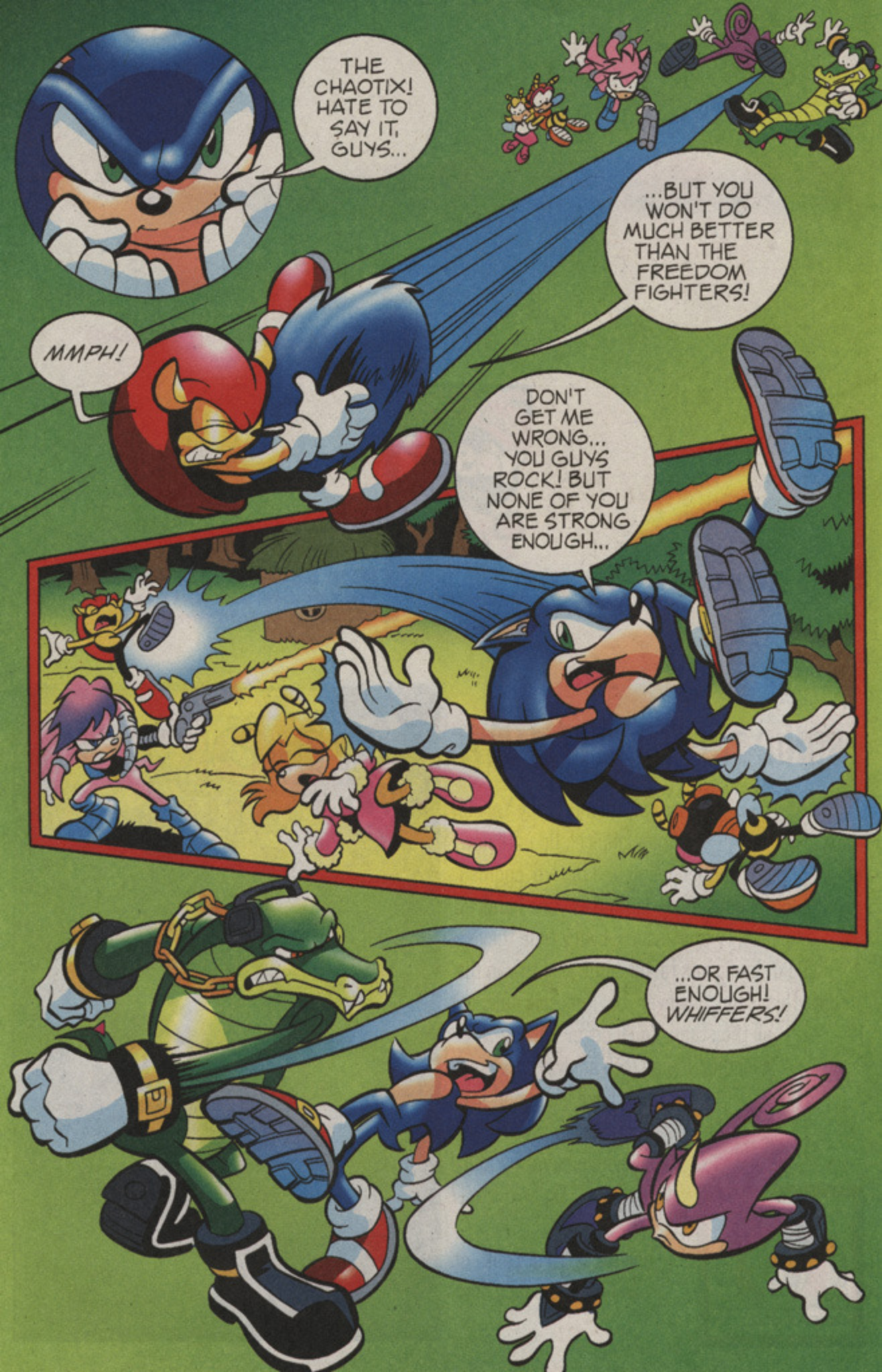

THE CHAOTIX! HATE TO SAY IT, GUYS...
...BUT YOU WON'T DO MUCH BETTER THAN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
MMPH!
DON'T GET ME WRONG... YOU GUYS ROCK! BUT NONE OF YOU ARE STRONG ENOUGH...
...OR FAST ENOUGH! WHIFFERS!

ALL THAT BEING SAID...

...I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS!

STEW!

THEN STOP!

OOF!

I WISH I COULD, JULIE-SU!

MWAHAHA! BUT YOU CAN'T STOP! AND THERE'S NO-BODY WHO CAN STOP YOU!

WANT TO BET?

KNUCKLES! SO YOU'RE THE "ONLY ONE" WHO CAN STOP ME, HUH!?
YOU WERE EXPECTING MAYBE SHADOW ?

YEAH, HONESTLY, YOU'RE GOOD, BUT NOT *THAT* GOOD.

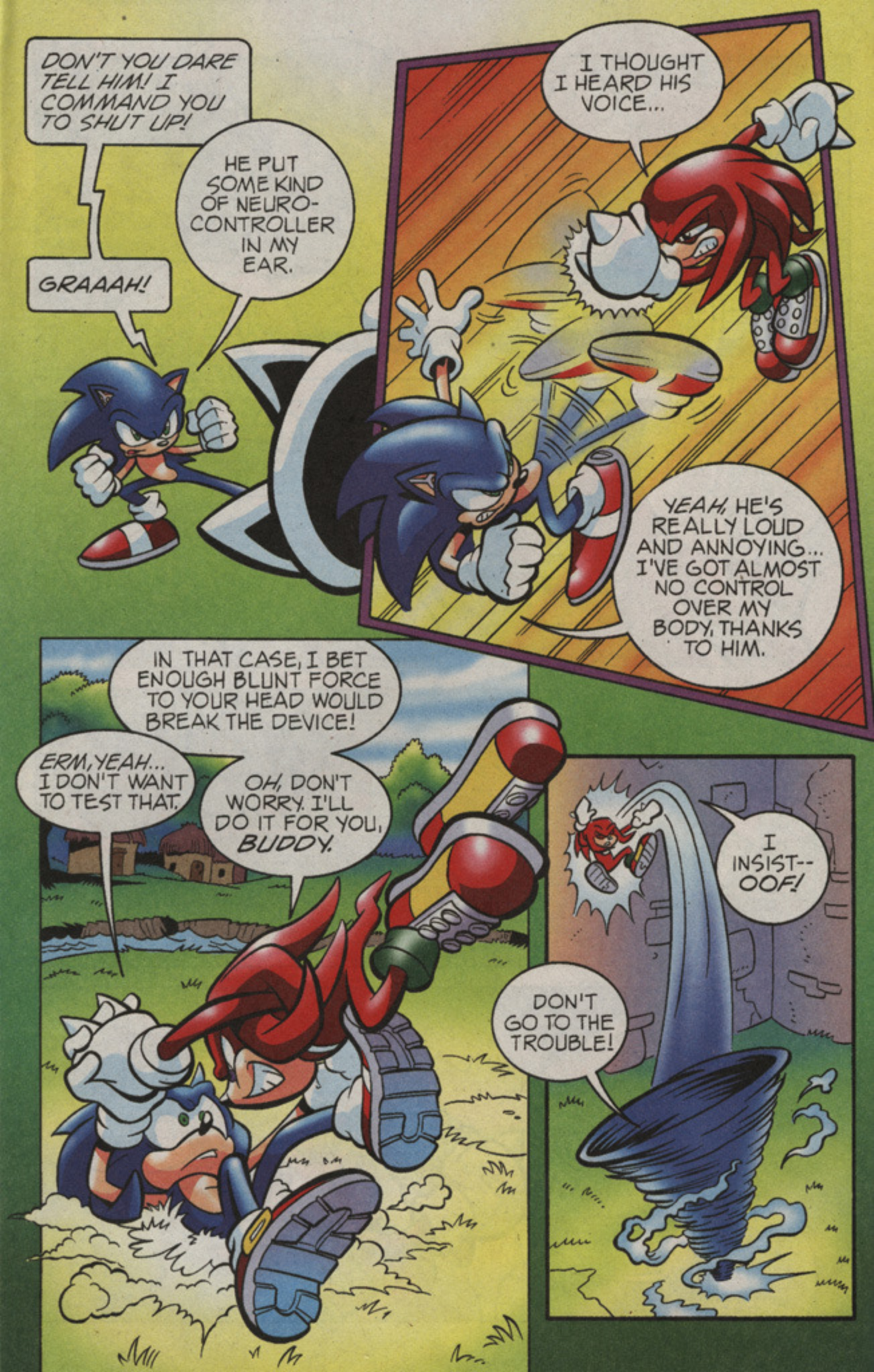
NO? DID YOU FORGET ALL THE TIMES I KICKED YOU OFF ANGEL ISLAND?

YOU WISH! A GOOD TUSSLE LIKE THIS DOES BRING BACK MEMORIES, THOUGH.

REGARD-LESS...

EGGMAN.

WHY *ARE* YOU WASTING MY TIME LIKE THIS?


DON'T YOU DARE TELL HIM! I COMMAND YOU TO SHUT UP!
HE PUT SOME KIND OF NEURO-CONTROLLER IN MY EAR.
GRAAAH!
I THOUGHT I HEARD HIS VOICE...
YEAH, HE'S REALLY LOUD AND ANNOYING... I'VE GOT ALMOST NO CONTROL OVER MY BODY, THANKS TO HIM.
IN THAT CASE, I BET ENOUGH BLUNT FORCE TO YOUR HEAD WOULD BREAK THE DEVICE!
ERM, YEAH... I DON'T WANT TO TEST THAT.
OH, DON'T WORRY. I'LL DO IT FOR YOU, BUDDY.
I INSIST-- OOF!
DON'T GO TO THE TROUBLE!

BAH! THIS ISN'T GOING WELL AT ALL!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT! THE CONTROLS ARE HORRENDOUS! I SHOULD'VE SPENT MORE TIME IN DEVELOPMENT.
NO! YOU SHOULD'VE SPENT MORE TIME BUILDING ROBOTS AND MAKING A REAL PLAN!
MAKING SONIC MY PUPPET AND TURNING HIM AGAINST HIS DEAREST FRIENDS IS A REAL PLAN!
SENDING A ROBOT DUPLICATE TO CATCH HIM SO YOU CAN PLAY GAMES IS A STUPID PLAN!
YOU KEEP ON AND ON ABOUT THE SUPERIORITY OF YOUR OWN MACHINES OVER LIVING THINGS, AND HERE YOU ARE WASTING YOUR TIME ON ANOTHER FUZZY TALKING THING!
GIVE IT A REST, SNIVELY. YOU MADE ME MISS MY JUMP!

ONE MORE CONVOLUTED PLAN READY TO BLOW UP IN YOUR FACE, EH, UNCLE? AND WHO WILL BE BLAMED WHEN IT DOES, EH? ME, THAT'S WHO.
ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOUR EMPIRE WILL BE RIPE FOR THE PICKING, AND THEN IT'LL BE ALL MINE. SOMETIMES I WONDER WHY I KEEP WAITING AND DON'T MAKE MY MOVE...
...NOW?!
YES... WHY WAIT AT ALL?

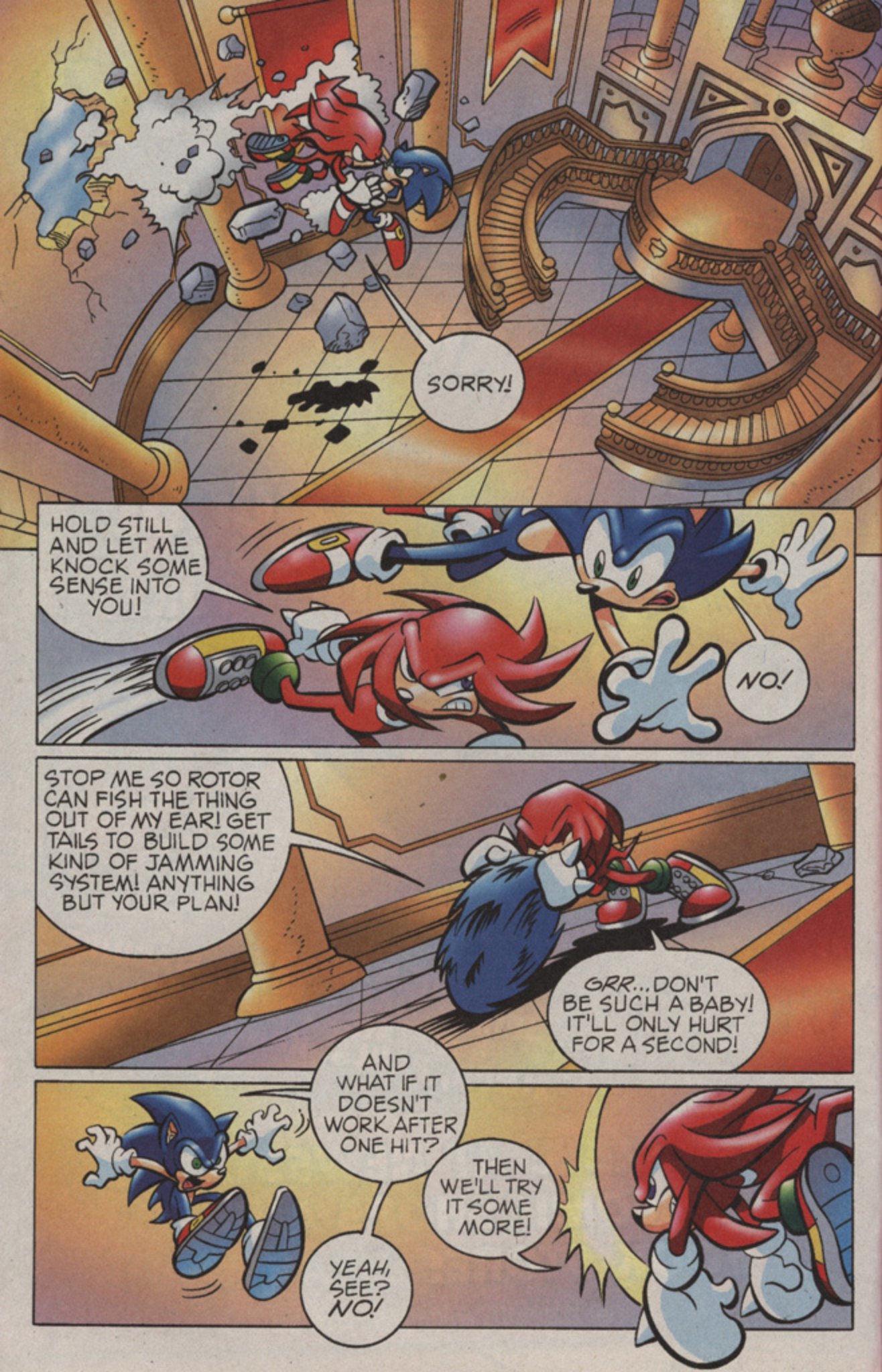
JUST TO UPDATE YOU, THE EGG FLEET'S PREPARATION IS RIGHT ON SCHEDULE.

I'LL MAKE SURE TO GET IT READY RIGHT ON TIME. I'M SO DEVOTED TO THE EGGMAN EMPIRE, AFTER ALL.

I KNOW YOU ARE, SNIVELY. EVEN WITH ALL YOUR PAST TREACHERY, I KNOW YOU ARE LOYAL.

THAT'S WHY EVERYTHING IN NEW MEGAOPOLIS IS PROGRAMMED TO WATCH YOU. ALL OF MY ROBOTS WILL *HELP* YOU TO REMEMBER YOUR LOYALTY.

JUST LIKE DEAR METAL SONIC WAS PROTECTING YOU FROM YOURSELF AND THAT LITTLE BIT OF OVER-WRITING PROGRAMMING YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON.
Y-Y-YOU KNEW?
YES, I'VE KNOWN ABOUT IT. ABOUT ALL OF IT.
WHILE I'M OUT, WHY DON'T YOU BE A GOOD AND LOYAL NEPHEW AND PULL THE PLUG ON ALL YOUR MISGUIDED, TREASONOUS PROJECTS?
Y-YES, SIR... OUT?
I'VE SET SONIC TO AUTO-BRAWL. THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE IT'LL NEED MY PERSONAL TOUCH AFTER ALL. I'LL BE BACK SOON.
Y-YES, SIR. OF COURSE, SIR.


SORRY!
HOLD STILL AND LET ME KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO YOU!
NO!
STOP ME SO ROTOR CAN FISH THE THING OUT OF MY EAR! GET TAILS TO BUILD SOME KIND OF JAMMING SYSTEM! ANYTHING BUT YOUR PLAN!
GRR... DON'T BE SUCH A BABY! IT'LL ONLY HURT FOR A SECOND!
AND WHAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK AFTER ONE HIT?
THEN WE'LL TRY IT SOME MORE!
YEAH, SEE? NO!

SORRY, SONIC!
TAILS? GAH!
NICE WORK, TAILS! NOW STAND BACK!
N-NO... BAD, BAD PLAN...
WHAM
WHEW

KNUCKLES! YOU NEARLY TOOK HIS HEAD OFF!
BUT...THE THING IN HIS HEAD...I'M SURE IT BROKE ...?
...OOGAH...
LOOKS LIKE YOUR BRILLIANT IDEA WORKED, KNUX. THANKS.
HAHAHA! OF COURSE IT DID! JUST LIKE I PLANNED!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WEREN'T JUST PLAYING IT BY EAR?
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR VICTORIOUS PUNS, TAILS!
OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE...

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Archie Comics is more than just a red-headed kid from Riverdale. Archie Comics is also successful with licensed comics! "The Adventures of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" followed the four heroes in a half-shell on many exciting and whimsical stories for the whole family. Legendary animation production company Hannah-Barbara also trusted their characters to the pages of Archie Comics for years!

One of the biggest success stories has been Sonic the Hedgehog. Spanning fifteen years, "Sonic the Hedgehog" is the second-longest running licensed comic ever! The title has seen numerous mini-series spin-offs featuring Sonic's buddies Tails, Princess Sally, and Knuckles the Echidna! Not to mention the many Sonic Specials! Now the Sonic Archives collection is growing with beautifully restored reprints of Sonic comics from the very beginning!

The action-adventure spun-off into the hilarious Sonic X! Now Sonic is one of the few solo comic book characters to star in multiple title! Sonic X is fast approaching its own milestone with an amazing twenty-fifth issue!

Better still was when Archie Comics teamed up with Sega to bring a special DVD Animated Comic with select copies of the newest game: Sonic and the Secret Rings!

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THERE'S NO REST FOR THE VIRTUOUS, RODENT! YOUR COLLECTIVE EXHAUSTION HAS PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS.
NOW WITH YOU ALL SO BATTLE-WEARY, YOU'RE RIPE FOR CAPTURE! I'LL TAKE CONTROL OF ALL YOUR BODIES AND USE YOU AS MY VANGUARD!
YOU'VE ALL PROVEN YOUR POWER WHILE TANGLING WITH SONIC! CONGRATULATIONS! NOW, METAL SONIC, GET THEM!

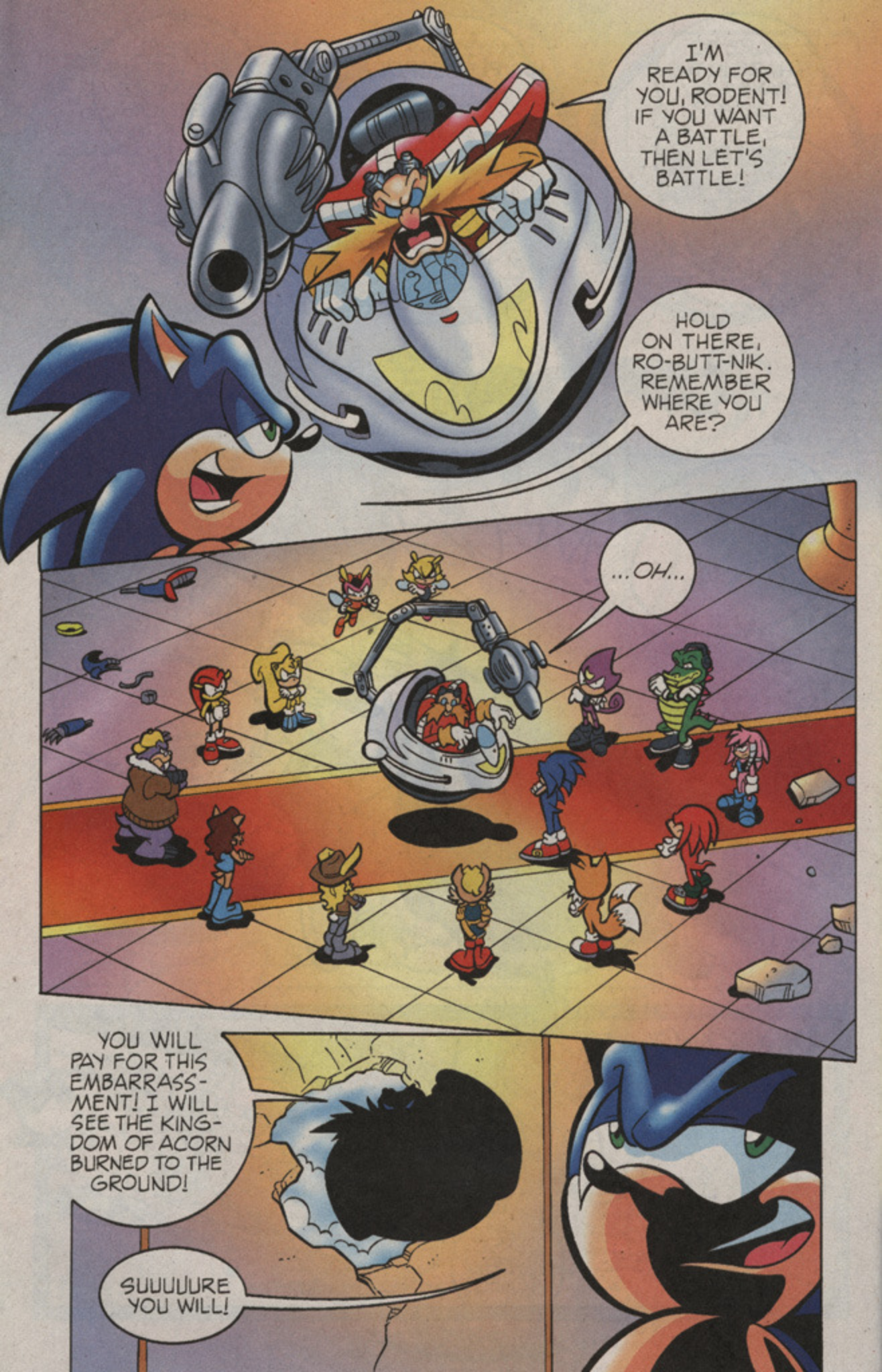
CARE TO SHARE IN THE PAYBACK, GUYS?

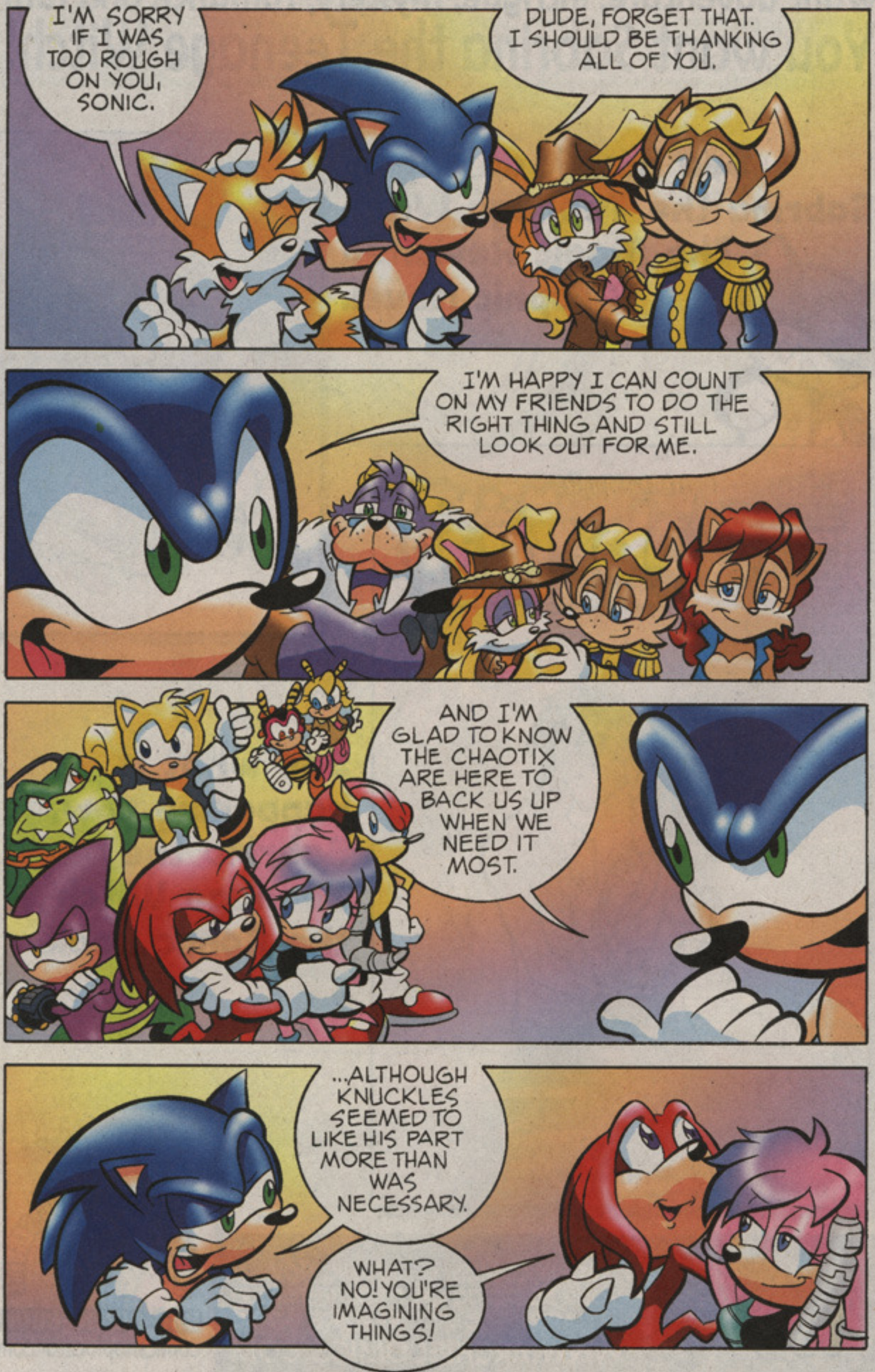
MY PLEASURE!

I FEEL LIKE HITTING ONE MORE HEDGEHOG HEAD!

NEXT?

CURSE YOU, SONIC!


I'M READY FOR YOU, RODENT! IF YOU WANT A BATTLE, THEN LET'S BATTLE!
HOLD ON THERE, RO-BUTT-NIK. REMEMBER WHERE YOU ARE?
...OH...
YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS EMBARRASS-MENT! I WILL SEE THE KING-DOM OF ACORN BURNED TO THE GROUND!
SUUUUURE YOU WILL!


I'M SORRY IF I WAS TOO ROUGH ON YOU, SONIC.
DUDE, FORGET THAT. I SHOULD BE THANKING ALL OF YOU.
I'M HAPPY I CAN COUNT ON MY FRIENDS TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND STILL LOOK OUT FOR ME.
AND I'M GLAD TO KNOW THE CHAOTIX ARE HERE TO BACK US UP WHEN WE NEED IT MOST.
...ALTHOUGH KNUCKLES SEEMED TO LIKE HIS PART MORE THAN WAS NECESSARY.
WHAT? NO! YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS!

Are you fast enough to keep up with Sonic?

Sonic's earliest adventures are being collected, from the mini-series that started it all to the first issues of the still-running comic book series.

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IT'S TIME WE SETTLED THE SCORE. FINISH READYING THE EGG FLEET.
D-DO YOU MEAN ...?
HERE I COME, SONIC.

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